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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: PRIVATE CONVERSATION TIMBERBAEV - BUCHHEIM TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO 52

1. TIMBERBAEV AND BUCHHEIM HAD PRIVATE CONVERSATION DURING AND AFTER THEIR ATTENDANCE AT MEETING OF WORKING GROUP II IN ROLE OF "DESIGNATED PERSONNEL".

2. TIMERBAEV ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING MORE TO DO NOW ON JOINT TREATY DRAFT. BUCHHEIM SAID HE WOULD REPLY TO TIMERBAEV'S MOST RECENT TWO SUGGESTIONS (SEE MOSCOW 14771 PARA 16). ANSWER IS "NO" ON BOTH. FURTHER STATED THAT PROVISION FOR APPLICATION OF PNE TREATY TERMS IN THIRD COUNTRIES NEEDED TO BE MORE EXPLICIT AND DETACHED FROM COOPERATION LANGUAGE. TIMERBAEV SAID SOVIET SIDE COULD PROBABLY ACCEPT EXPLICIT PROVISION, NOT ASSOCIATED WITH COOPERATION LANGUAGE, IF WORDING WERE LESS HARSH AND INCLUDED "SOMETHING NICE" ABOUT NPT. BUCHHEIM SAID US SIDE WOULD REVIEW US ARTICLE VI TO SEE IF LANGUAGE MIGHT BE AMENDED.

3. TIMERBAEV SAID SOVIET SIDE WOULD ACCEPT US LANGUAGE ON AMENDMENTS (US ARTICLE VIII) IF WORD "AGREED" WERE DELETED FROM START OF SECOND SENTENCE, AND RESULTING LANGUAGE WERE MADE A PARAGRAPH OF PRESENT US ARTICLE IX (CORRESPONDING SOVIET ARTICLE VII, PARA 2) INSTEAD OF SEPARATE ARTICLE.
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BUCHHEIM AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO DELEGATION.

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4. TIMERBAEV SAID QUESTION OF PERIOD IN FORCE SHOULD NOT BE ADDRESSED YET, "THE TIME IS NOT YET RIGHT".

5. TIMERBAEV SAID SIDES SHOULD CONSIDER HOW TO PROCEED NEXT BECAUSE BOTH SEEM TO HAVE HOMEWORK TO DO. HE RECKONED US SIDE HAS MORE TO DO THAN SOVIET SIDE BECAUSE OF LONGER PERIOD AWAY FROM WASHINGTON. BUCHHEIM DID NOT ASK WHAT TIMERBAEV MEANT BY THIS; SAID HE WOULD TALK WITH STOESSEL ABOUT SCHEDULES. TIMERBAEV SAID THAT, AS HE SEES THINGS, MOST IMPORTANT THING, NOW THAT WORKING GROUP II IS FUNCTIONING BETTER, IS TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO: (A) DEVELOP AN AGREED COMMON DESIGN FOR SLIFER OR SOVIET "DISCRETE" INSTRUMENT OR WHATEVER WILL DO THE JOB, AND (B) DEVISE MUTUALLY-ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE ABOUT THIS EQUIP-MENT, OWNERSHIP, ETC. HE SPECULATED THAT THERE MAY BE NEED FOR SOME WEEKS OF SEPARATE WORK ON THIS. HE SAID SOVIET SIDE WAS PLANNING TO BRING IN EXPERTS FROM ORGANIZA-TION RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR EQUIPMENT, AND ASKED IF EXPERTS NOW ON US DELEGATION COULD DEAL WITH JOINT DESIGN EFFORT OR WOULD NEED TO SET UP ARRANGEMENTS WITH US ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT. BUCHHEIM SAID THIS WOULD BE LOOKED INTO.

6. TIMERBAEV SAID HE BELIEVES THAT US PROTOCOL II CAN BE ACCEPTED BY SOVIET SIDE IF: (A) COMMON DESIGNS CAN BE ESTABLISHED FOR ON-SITE SEISMIC EQUIPMENT AND ON-SITE HIELD MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT; (B) LANGUAGE IS REFINED SO THAT IT INCLUDES MINIMUM EXPLICIT REFERENCES TO VERIFYING SIDE BRINGING THINGS AND DOING THINGS; AND (C) AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON PROCEDURES FOR DELIVERY, CUSTODY AND EXAMINATION OF EQUIPMENT.

7. CONCERNING POINT (C) ABOVE, TIMERBAEV SAID HE FELT SURE AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED ON PROVISION THAT VERIFYING SIDE BRING ITS OWN EQUIPMENT (BUILT TO AGREED COMMON DESIGN) IF THAT EQUIPMENT IS THEN TURNED OVER TO HOST SIDE FOR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATIONS OF VERIFYING SIDE AND UNDER OBSERVATION OF DESIGNATED PERSONNEL.

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8. BUCHHEIM ASKED ABOUT CUSTODY OF EQUIPMENT FROM TIME OF ARRIVAL UNTIL INSTALLATION. TIMERBAEV SAID IT WOULD HAVE TO BE IN CUSTODY OF HOST SIDE WITHOUT DESIGNATED PERSONNEL PRESENT. BUCHHEIM SAID THIS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WOULD PRESENT PROBLEMS. TIMERBAEV SAID IT COULD BE AGREED THAT BEFORE INSTALLATION THE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE HANDED BACK TO DESIGNATED PERSONNEL FOR THEM TO EXAMINE AND BE SURE IT IS IN GOOD ORDER, ALL UNDER OBSERVATION OF HOST PERSONNEL.

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BUCHHEIM SAID THAT ALL THIS WOULD BE GIVEN ATTENTION BY US SIDE.

9. TIMERBAEV SAID SOVIET EXPERTS ARE IN GOOD TECHNICAL AGREEMENT WITH CONDITIONS SET DOWN IN US PROTOCOL II, BUT SOME OF THEM THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER SIMPLY TO STATE IN PROTOCOL THAT, FOR EVENTS OVER A CERTAIN YIELD LEVEL, DESIGNATED PERSONNEL CAN DO ANYTHING THEY WANT. BUCHHEIM SAID SUCH UNLIMITED RIGHTS WOULD RAISE PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN SORT, E.G., POSSIBILITIES FOR UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE AND TAKING ON OF RESPONSIBILITIES NOT APPROPRIATE TO SCOPE OF AGREEMENT. FURTHER ON THAT POINT, PARTIES TO BILATERAL TREATY SHOULD NOT ASSIGN UNLIMITED RIGHTS TO ONE ANOTHER WHEN ACTING IN ROLE OF VERIFYING SIDE FOR PNE CARRIED OUT IN THIRD COUNTRY. TIMERBAEV ACKNOWLEDGED THE POINT.

10. TIMERBAEV SUGGESTED DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULE OBJECTIVES AT RESTRICTED MEETING AFTERNOON OCTOBER 16.

11. SUPPLEMENT TO MOSCOW 14778:

(A) MOROKHOV SAID THAT QUESTION OF WHICH SIDE WILL DECIDE WHEN OBSERVERS ARE PRESENT FOR EXPLOSIONS IN RANGE 100-150 KILOTONS CAN EITHER BE DISCUSSED FURTHER, OR REFERRED TO "HIGHER LEVELS".

(B) IN ELABORATING HIS THESES THAT RELATIONSHIP SUCH AS COMMON YIELD LEVEL BETWEEN PNE TREATY AND TTBT IS MERE HAPPY COINCIDENCE, AND THAT PNE TREATY SHOULD CONTINUE ON UNDER CTB REGIME, MOROKHOV FURTHER STATED THAT PROTOCOL(S) TO PNE TREATY WILL ABSOLUTELY ASSURE THAT NO WEAPON BENE-FITS WILL BE OBTAINED--WITHOUT QUALIFIER "OTHERWISE PRE-
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